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RE: JETRO, Houston: Registration #2277
Submission of Informational Material

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, JETRO Houston submits herewith copies of the informational material distributed by our office on behalf of Japan External Trade Organization as attached.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Makoto Kimura
Chief Executive Director

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Letter from the Chief



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2007, also being the first woman from Oklahoma since 1921 to serve in the U.S. Congress.

While she was Lt. Gov., JETRO sponsored its Senior Trade Advisor program in a joint initiative with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce during the governorships of the Honorable David Walters and the Honorable Frank Keating. Japanese executives served as STAs on two separate occasions to work with the state to encourage trade and investment with Japan, and we are delighted to know that Governor Fallin's current policy outreach includes greater economic development.

In her inaugural address, the Governor called for a pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda to build a better and more productive business climate. Her vision of this ideal is where ideas flourish, new companies are created, existing companies expand and businesses from around the globe relocate to Oklahoma where they can succeed. This environment can attract new capital and new investments which produce new jobs and retain existing jobs.

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In pursuing foreign markets, this International Expansion Manager at Austin-based Luminex developed her own specialized Core Team configuration that actively involved her colleagues. Representatives from human resources, IT, legal, finance and research & development were organized together to help with sales and marketing, foreign transactions, intellectual property, and global service and support.

Ryden spoke about their mission to improve the health, safety and quality of life for people around the world. This medical device firm, which holds 27 patents in Japan, opened its office in Tokyo in 2009.

Luminex grew its international expansion by first looking at the top economic-growth countries and focusing on those with the least barriers. Japan is the 2nd largest medical device market in the world, and the country has over 9,000 hospitals. After analyzing its data and market research, a market entry strategy was developed to build brand awareness, localize products and services, and establish a distribution channel. Ryden reported that Luminex enjoys the support of 60 partners worldwide.

Also offering a keynote address, Makoto Abe returned to Austin from his base in San Jose's Silicon Valley where he heads his Japan Business Solutions consultancy. Abe, who also serves as Business Advisor/North American ICT Advisor with the JETRO-San Francisco office, provided an insider's look when talking about "What's Hot in the Japanese ICT Market in 2011." Referring to recent data from Nomura Research Institute, Japan's top tech initiatives include cloud computing, green IT, medical and healthcare IT, and multimedia broad-



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